

Abstract of the Disclosure

An original transport apparatus includes an original tray for stacking an original; a feed device for feeding the original to a feeding position; a transport device for transporting the original from the feeding position to a discharge outlet via a reading position; a switchback path disposed adjacent to the discharge outlet for switching back to turn over the original; a re-feed path for guiding the original to the feeding position; and a discharge device disposed at a downstream side of the switchback path for discharging the original to a discharge tray. After both sides of the original are read, the original is fed to the feeding position via the switchback path. The feed device transports the original via the reading position while the original is overlapped with the next original, and the discharge device discharges the first original via the discharge outlet.